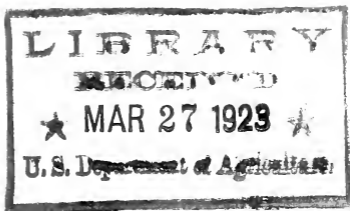


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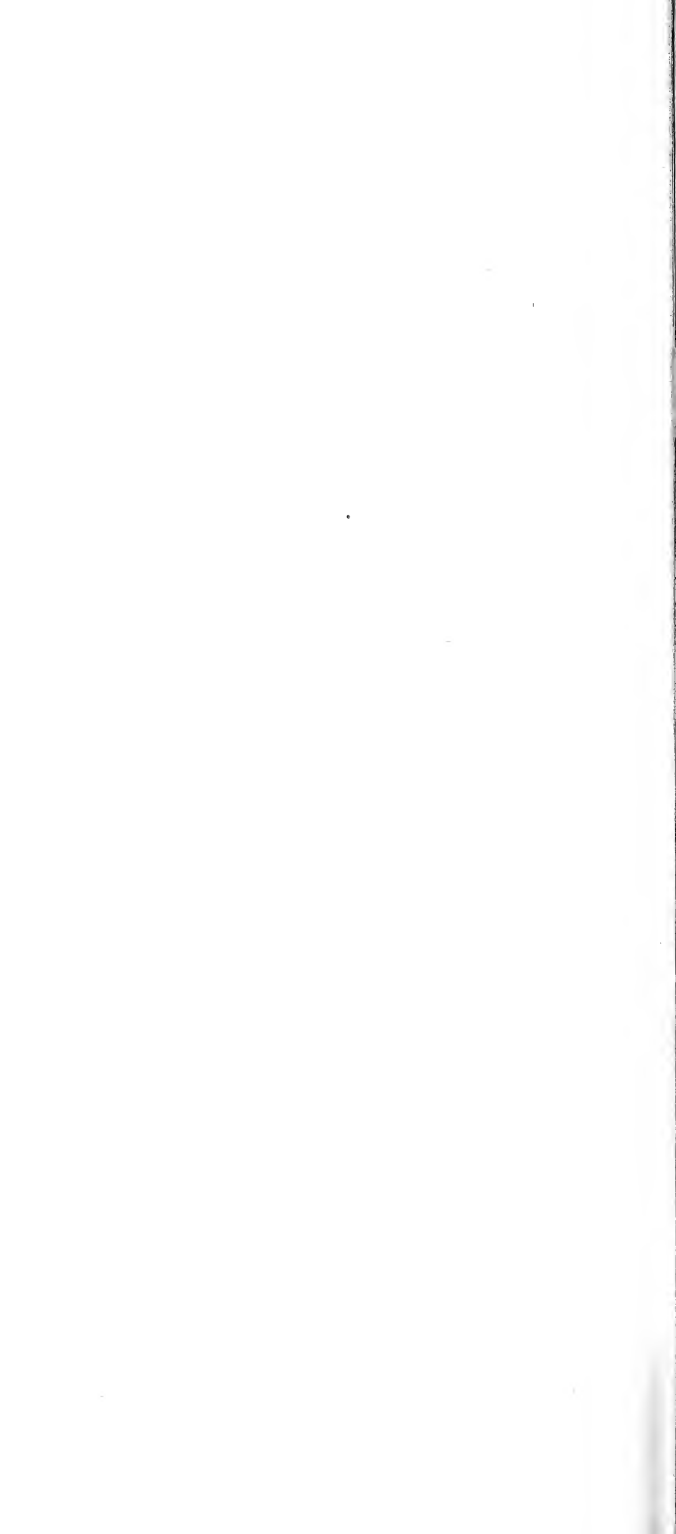
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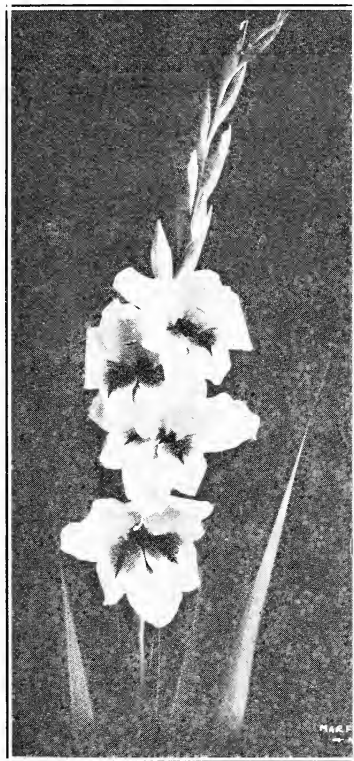


GLADIOLI

THE EDGEWATER
FARMS
STERLING ILLINOIS



Gladiali



Single Spike Mrs. Frank Pendleton.

Grown by
The Edgewater Farms
STERLING, ILLINOIS

Instructions, Terms, Etc.

To encourage early ordering we make the following offers:

With all orders of \$2.50 or more received before Jan. 15, 1923, we will send 15% of the amount of your order extra in bulbs of your own choice.

With all orders of \$5.00 or more received before Jan. 15, 1923, we will send 20% of the amount of your order extra in bulbs of your own choice.

With all orders of \$10.00 or more received before Jan. 15, 1923, we will send 25% of the amount of your order extra in bulbs of your own choice.

The stock of some varieties is limited so early ordering will often save disappointment as no changes or substitutes are made in any orders.

Remittances should accompany all orders.

Sign your Name, Post Office, County and State.

Address all orders to The Edgewater Farm, Sterling, Illinois.

We send out full blooming size bulbs and pay postage or express on all retail orders. Six at dozen rate. 50 at 100 rate.

We guarantee all bulbs to be true to name but we give no warranty, express or implied as to crop and will not be responsible for results other than to replace stock not true to name or refund purchase price for same.

Upon request we will quote wholesale prices on any variety that we have in sufficient quantity.

Introduction

"The handsome, golden-throated *Gladiolus* blooms to-day;

See its pretty purple stamens, note its petals red and gay."

The words are still true but no longer the whole truth. Well known and widely cultivated in the days of our grandmothers, the *Gladiolus* was always a favorite flower, but one needs hours even to see the varied array of blooms resulting from its modern development.

The dainty Myrtle and the giant LeMarechal Foch, the compact Schwaben and the spreading Mrs. Frank Pendleton, the plain-petaled Flora and the highly ruffled Mrs. H. E. Bothin seem scarce related, so great is the variation of form.

From the pure white of White Giant to the almost black of Empress of India the color range gives a wide choice. The *Primulinus* Hybrids, alone, have among their smaller, more delicate blooms tints from the palest primrose to rose and deep red, though the yellow of their African ancestors seems to be a strong influence. Outside of the solid colors, in tiny dots and light pencilings, in stripes and bands and irregular splotches, in the faintest and the most vivid of markings, there is bewildering variety.

The season has been so extended that no heavy single planting is required to furnish a succession of bloom starting in June with Pink Beauty, Halley, Wilbrinck, *Primulinus*, etc., and ending in October with Sentinel, War, Pink Perfection, etc., as at Edgewater during the past season. Also, the season of any variety may be lengthened by varying the depth and time of planting, while bulbs of Wilbrinck, Rubini, Niagara and many others, will usually send up two or more spikes flowering successively.

In buying bulbs size is no criterion, as many choice sorts do not produce large bulbs. The essentials are that the bulbs be well developed, firm, healthy, and of blooming age, which large ones are often past.

We list mainly proven varieties, which it is unlikely that new ones will ever displace, though believing new ones well worth trying. If expense must be carefully considered a wealth of bloom and much satisfaction can be had from the mixtures. But if able to indulge the tastes any buyer is sure to feel well repaid in the possession of American Beauty, Byron L. Smith, Catharina, Elora, Glendale, Louise, Mrs. John R. Walsh, Rev. Ewbank, etc.

ROY E. SHELLY.

Special Offers

SPECIAL OFFER No. 1

Forty large bulbs, assorted colors, \$1.00 postpaid.

SPECIAL OFFER No. 2

Six each of five named varieties (our selection) postpaid \$1.00.

SPECIAL OFFER No. 3

Thirty-five bulbs Primulinus Hybrids, assorted colors. Postpaid \$1.00.

SPECIAL OFFER No. 4

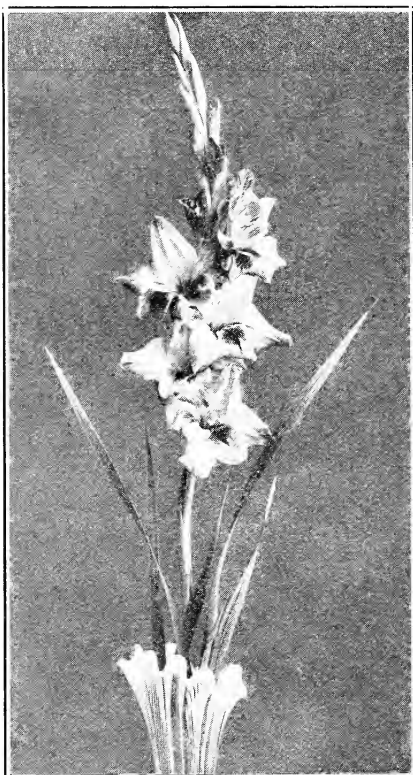
Thirty large bulbs Primulinus Hybrids, assorted colors and one each, Dorothy Wheeler, Butterfly, Salmon Beauty, Orange Brilliant and Alice Tiplady. Postpaid \$1.50

SPECIAL OFFER No. 5

One each of the following blues and lavenders; Baron Hulot, Blue Jay, Catharina, Conspicuous, Dick, Hubertus, Muriel, Mr. Mark, Nora and Rev. Ewbank. Postpaid \$2.00.

SPECIAL OFFER No. 6

All the above special offers postpaid \$6.00.



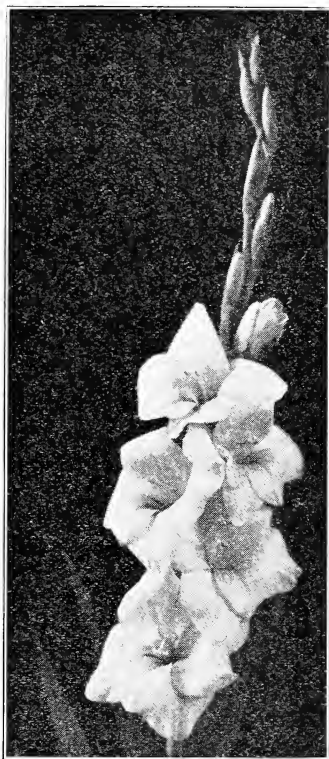
EVELYN KIRTLAND
Single Spike

Price List

	Each	Dozen	100
America. Beautiful soft lavender-pink; very large flowers set on a strong spike.....	\$.05	\$.50	\$ 2.50
American Beauty. Brilliant American Beauty color, creamy yellow throat. A beauty.....	1.00	10.00	
Anna Eberius. Dark velvety purple; throat deeper shade. Large flower set on tall spikes. Greatly admired.....	.20	2.00	
Arizona. Dark rose pink with dark maroon markings on lower petals. Strong grower. Good florist's variety.....	.10	1.00	6.00
Arizona Rose. Large flower of finest rose-pink; almost self color. Extra fine flower.....	.15	1.50	7.50
Attraction. Deep crimson with pure white throat. Large flowers..	.08	.75	4.50
Baltimore. Salmon pink with a dark red blotch on lower petals. Large flower on medium length spike.....	.08	.75	4.50
Badenia. A true lavender. Flowers large and many open on the spike at one time. This variety is new and rare and offered in a limited quantity.....	1.00		
Baron Hulot. A deep violet blue, lighter lines in throat. Medium sized flowers on a tall spike. One of the finest blue gladioli.....	.10	1.00	6.50
Bernice. Light yellow with buff and pink marks.....	.06	.60	3.50
Blackhawk. Dark red with black throat. Many flowers open on a medium length spike.....	.08	.75	4.50
Blue Hybrids. Small flowers in various shades of blue. Medium length spikes.....	.05	.50	3.50
Blue Jay. A light grayish blue with a white blotch. Large flowers. Suggestive of the bird for which it is named.....	.20	2.00	12.00
Brimstone. Light sulphurish yellow. Large. Early. A new variety.....	.15	1.50	9.00
Bruno. Dark maroon with light lines in lower petals. Large flower, medium early. Very scarce.....	.10	1.00	
Byron L. Smith. Lavender on a white ground. One of the best and fine as a cut flower.....	.40	4.00	

	Each	Dozen	100
Carmen Sylvia. Pure snow white, throat slightly penciled lilac.....	.50	5.00	
Catharina. Wonderful grayish light blue, lower petals a little deeper blue with brownish red spot. A very attractive variety....	.35	3.50	
Charlemagne. Large wide open flowers of a sunrise red color, flaked darker.....	.15	1.50	9.00
Chateau Thierry. A large wide open flower. Bright cerise with red blotch bordered with yellow on lower petals.....	.20	2.00	12.50
Chicago White. Pure white with lavender lines in throat. Very early. Good florist's variety.....	.05	.50	3.50
Chris. Dark maroon with purple shading. Large flowers on a tall spike. A good one.....	.10	1.00	6.50
Columbia. Orange scarlet flaked darker. Large flowers, medium length spikes.....	.08	.75	5.00
Conspicuous. Very fine light blue, darker throat with yellow center. Tall willowy spikes. Often called "The Pansy Face." A beauty.....	.15	1.50	9.00
Crackerjack. Dark red with gold lines in throat. Tall spike. Rapid multiplier.....	.05	.50	2.50
Corry. Salmon pink.....	.08	.75	
Crimson Blow. Deep brilliant crimson, lower petals blotched with deep velvety crimson. Extra large flowers. Tall spike. Good multiplier. A beautiful variety.....	.30	3.00	
Dawn. Coral pink. A long spike of well formed flowers nearly all open at one time. Good keeper as a cut flower.....	.15	1.50	9.00
Dick. Dark purple, throat a little lighter. Lower petals a royal purple with a gold line in each. This variety attracted more attention at our exhibits than any other variety. New and offered in limited quantity.....	.15	1.50	
Distinction. Dark violet, lower petals darker. A very tall spike. Many flowers on a single spike.....	.10	1.00	7.00
Evelyn Kirtland. Light pink, deepening toward the edge; brilliant scarlet blotches on lower petals. A very beautiful flower. Tall, straight spike.....	.15	1.50	10.00

	Each	Dozen	100
Early Pink. A rich shell pink shading to lighter in throat. An early variety.....	.10	1.00	6.00
E. J. Shaylor. Beautiful pure deep rose pink. Ruffled. Large flowers. Tall spike and very strong plant. Increases rapidly....	.45	4.50	
Electra. Light red, orange shaded, small white blotches in lower petals. Large flowers.....	.10	1.00	6.50

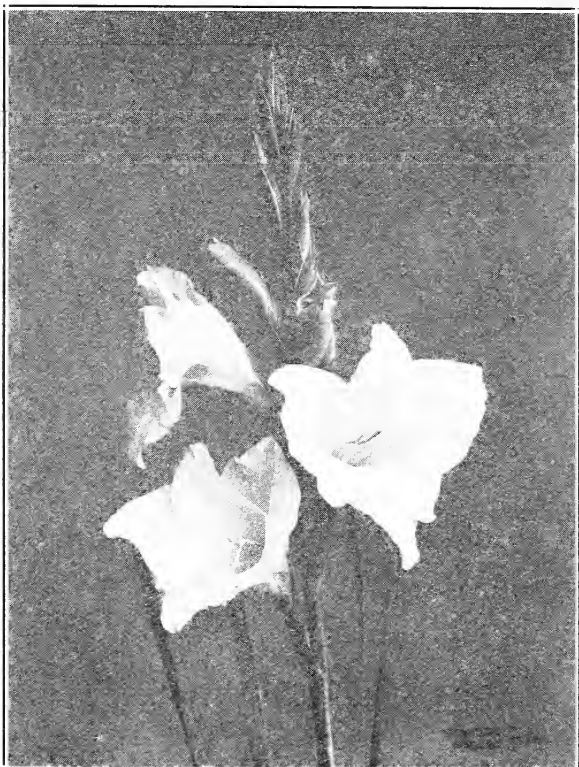


ELORA

Elora. Creamy white with rich cream spots in throat on three lower petals, these spots overlaid with dainty feathering of American Beauty pink. Large wide open flowers on a strong straight spike. One of the earliest..... 1.00

Empress of India. Rich dark red. Nearly black. Small white lines on lower petals..... .08 .75 5.00

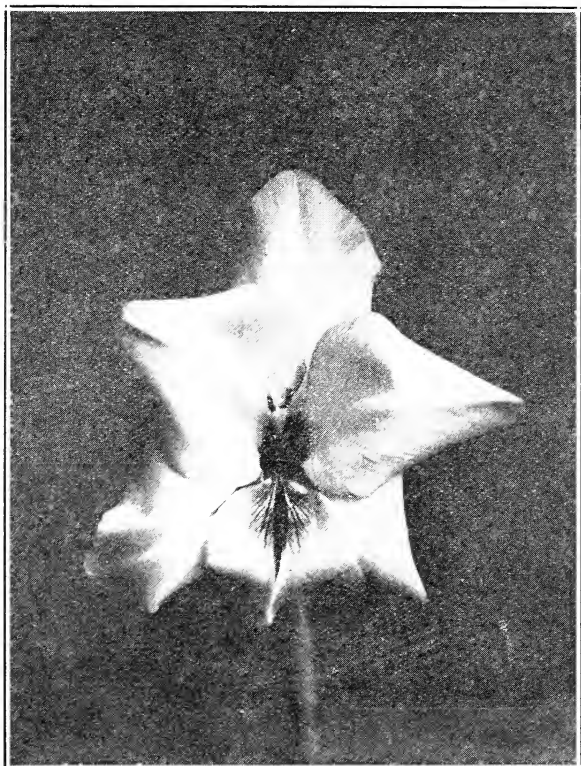
Evaline. Smoky violet, underlaid with terra cotta red. A very odd color. Medium sized blooms, short spike..... .08 .75



LILY LEHMAN

	Each	Dozen	100
Fairie. Creamy pink with yellowish throat. Tall spike. A very choice variety.....	.25	2.50	
Faust. Pure deep crimson. Good spike with many flowers open at one time.....	.06	.60	3.50
Fire Ribbon. Glowing fire-red. Nearly all blooms open at one time. Tall spike. Rich and showy.....	.20	2.00	
Flora. Golden yellow. Nearly self-color. Extra large flowers on a tall straight spike. A new variety.....	.20	2.00	12.50
Frank J. Symmes. Salmon-rose pink with red center, ruffled edges. Large flowers on a tall spike.....	.25	2.50	
Frilled Pink. Light pink, yellow and red throat. Very early....	.06	.60	3.50
Giant White. Pure white with elegant slight marking on lower petals. Strong grower.....	.10	1.00	

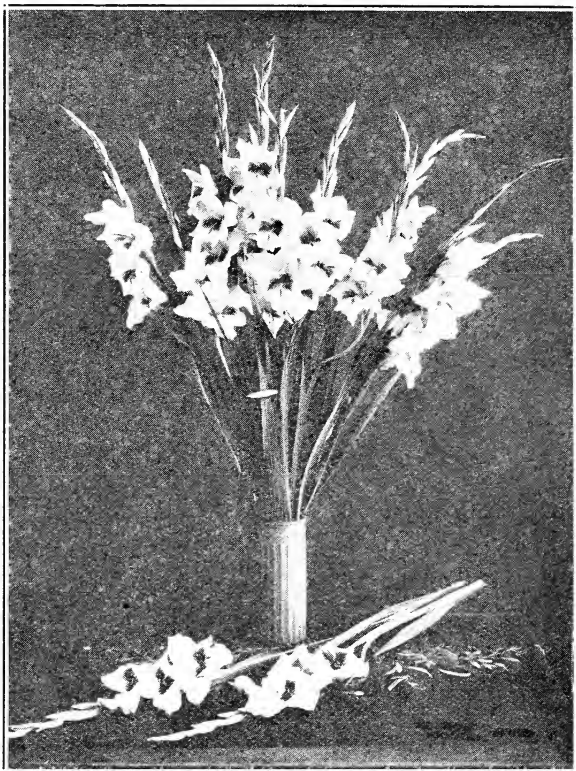
	Each	Dozen	100
Glendale. (Originated by W. B. Davis). A beautiful dark magenta, an entirely new color in Gladioli. Wide open flowers on straight stiff spikes. Winner of first prize for best unnamed seedling American Gladiolus society.....	1.00		
Glory of Holland. White, faintly tinged pink on tall graceful spike.....	.10	1.00	5.00
Golden Measure. Golden yellow. Extra large flowers on a tall spike. The best yellow.....	1.25	12.50	
Golden West. Clear orange scarlet, gold lines faintly suffused with violet on lower petals. Large blooms of willowy spikes.....	.08	.75	5.00
Goliath. Deep purplish wine color. Large flower and tall spike. Early.....	.10	1.00	6.00
Gretchen Zang. Tall graceful spike of soft shade of geranium pink, with carmine throat markings. A beautiful cut flower.....	.10	1.00	6.50
Halley. Bright salmon pink. Large flowers on a tall graceful spike. A wonderful cut flower and satisfactory in every way. Very early.....	.05	.50	3.00
Harwinton. Brilliant carmine. An unusual color. Medium sized blooms on tall spike.....	.10	1.00	6.50
Herada. Pure mauve, glistening and clear. Extra large flower on a tall straight spike. Very beautiful and very attractive.....	.15	1.25	7.50
Hohenstaufen. White with large blotches of brilliant scarlet on lower petals. Large blooms on tall spike. Strong grower.....	.08	.75	4.50
Hubertus. Blue and mauve. New variety. Tall spike.....	.15	1.25	9.00
Ida Van. A deep salmon red. Large blooms. Early.....	.05	.50	3.50
Independence. A brilliant pink with richly marked throat. Tall spike. One of the best keepers as a cut flower.....	.05	.50	2.50
Jack London. Light salmon with brilliant orange flame stripes, golden yellow throat with ruby striped center. Large flowers, tall spike.....	.40	4.00	
Jean Dieulafoy. A lovely cream color, with carmine blotch....	.10	1.00	6.00



LOUISE

	Each	Dozen	100
Kunderd's Glory. Creamy pink with fine red markings on lower petals. Ruffled petals.....	.08	.75	5.00
Kunderd's Orange. Bright orange with pure white blotch margined with brilliant purple. Very attractive.....	.15	1.50	
Le Marechal Foch. Beautiful shade of light pink. Extra large flowers on a tall straight spike. Medium early.....	.25	2.50	15.00
Lily Lehman. A lily in name and in form. Ivory white. A real good white. Early.....	.10	1.00	6.50
Lily White. Pure white. Very early. Tall spike with medium sized flowers. A good florist's white.....	.15	1.25	7.50
Liss. Beautiful shade of apple blossom pink.....	.08	.75	5.00
Louise. A magnificent new lavender. Large wide open flowers with wine penciling on lower petals. Strong grower.....	.50	5.00	

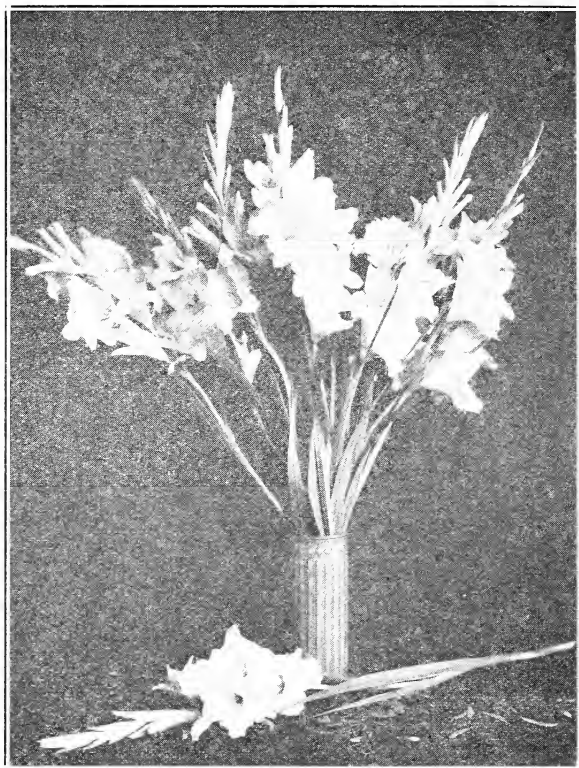
	Each	Dozen	100
Loveliness. Light cream colored blooms. Large flowers on a tall spike. An extra choice variety.....	.15	1.25	9.00
Lustre. Tall dark vermillion-crimson. A good red.....	.15	1.50	
Mahogany. Dark mahogany, nearly black throat. Medium spike.....	.06	.60	3.50
Majestic. Beautiful shade of orange salmon. Slight white markings on lower petals. Large flowers. An extra choice variety....	.25	2.50	15.00
Marie Kunderd. A wonderful white. Pure white with an almost invisible soft pink line in center of lower petals. Early.....	4.00		
Marshall Foch. Delicate salmon pink, deepening toward the edges of the petals and brighter in the throat. Very large flowers, many open on a tall straight spike. This is an extra choice variety and should be in every collection.....	.30	3.00	
Mary Fennell. Beautiful lavender pink with primrose yellow marking on lower petals.....	.15	1.50	9.00
Mary Pickford. Creamy white. Soft sulphur yellow throat. Early, vigorous and a rapid multiplier.....	.25	2.50	
Meadowvale. Large white, penciled with crimson on lower Petals.....	.06	.60	3.50
Minnesota. Creamy white with a red throat. Early.....	.05	.50	2.50
Miss Helen Franklin. A large white with penciling of violet purple on lower petals. Ruffled blooms on a tall straight spike.....	.20	2.00	
Miss Lucile. Lavender pink with a soft yellow throat. Medium tall spike.....	.08	.75	4.00
Mono Lisa. Palest soft rose pink. Nearly self color. Strong grower. Many blooms open at one time.....	.45	4.50	
Mr. Mark. Light blue with a darker throat. A good blue. Tall spike and large flowers.....	.15	1.50	9.00
Mrs. Dr. Norton. Silvery white blossoms tinted with pink, deepening toward the edges. Sulphur yellow blotch in throat. Large wide open blossoms on an extra tall spike. A beautiful variety.....	.30	3.00	



MRS. FRANK PENDELTON

	Each	Dozen	100
Mrs. F. King. Flame scarlet. Very large blossoms. Tall spike. A general favorite.....	.05	.50	3.00
Mrs. Frank Pendelton. Large wide open flowers of light pink with a carmine blotch in throat. A very attractive and strong growing variety. One of the best varieties.....	.10	1.00	6.00
Mrs. H. E. Bothin. Flesh salmon pink, flame scarlet throat, heavily ruffled. One of the loveliest color combinations in Gladioli.....	.45	4.50	
Mrs. Geo. Moulton. A large tall growing variety with beautiful wine colored flowers set on straight spike.....	.15	1.50	
Mrs. John R. Walsh. Flesh pink with scarlet center. Heavily ruffled. An extra fine variety.....	1.00		

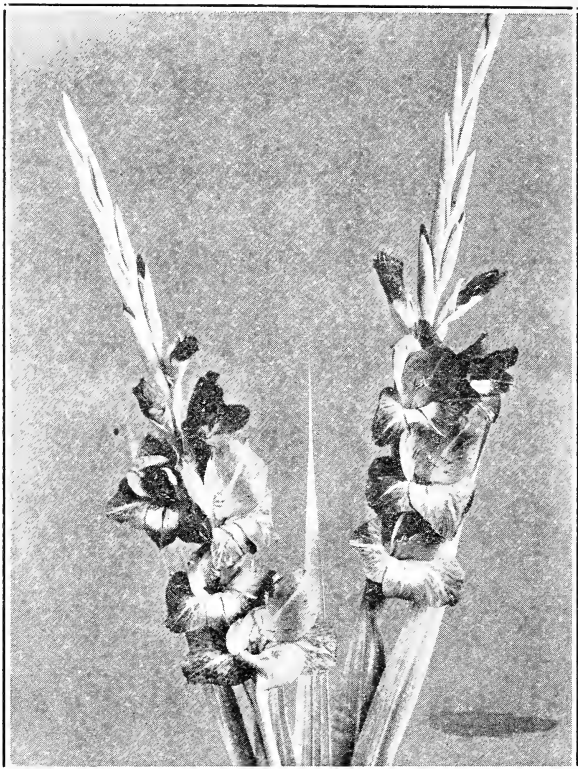
	Each	Dozen	100
Mrs. Mary Stearns Burke. Canary yellow overlaid with apricot, deep canary center. Long wiry spike. One of the good yellows.....	.35	3.50	
Mrs. Velthuys. Dark brilliant red. Extra large flowers. Medium length spike.....	.15	1.50	
Mrs. Watt. American Beauty Rose color. Nearly all the blossoms open at one time.....	.08	.75	4.50
Muriel. Light blue with a darker blotch on lower petals. The finest light blue. Large flowers.....	.50	5.00	
Myrtle. Clear rose pink melting into a creamy white throat. Early flowering. Medium length spikes.....	.10	1.00	6.00
Nebraska. Violet blue with snow white blotch. Tall spike.....	.25	2.50	
Negerfurst. Brilliant velvety blood red, flaked with black spots. White lines in throat. An odd but beautiful color.....	.15	1.50	
Niagara. Large open bloom of beautiful cream color with carmine splashing in throat. Strong straight spike.....	.10	1.00	6.00
1910 Rose. Large pure rose color with white lines on lower petals. Very early. Tall graceful spike.....	.10	1.00	7.00
Nora. Light blue with small dark spot in throat and lower petals. Attractive.....	.10	1.00	6.00
Norma De Childs. Delicate white, penciled soft pink, blending to a soft yellow throat. A beautiful Gladiolus.....	.15	1.50	
Odin. A little deeper salmon than Prince of Wales, with larger flowers and small deep red spot on lower petals. Very early. Exquisite variety which everybody will want.....	.50	5.00	
Orange Glory. Grand orange colored, with beautiful lighter throat. Very rich and striking color. Beautiful and distinct. Ruffled.....	.30	3.00	
Panama. Light pink. Very large flower, well arranged on a tall straight spike.....	.08	.75	4.00
Paris. Light pink, purple penciling. Large flower.....	.08	.75	



PINK PERFECTION

	Each	Dozen	100
Peace. Large white with lilac throat. Tall spike and strong grower. A good white.....	.08	.75	5.00
Peachblow. Peach blossom pink with purplish lines. Tall spike with many blooms at one time.....	.10	1.00	
Pink Beauty. Rose pink with dark red blotches on lower petals. Many blooms open at one time, making a great show. The earliest of all Gladioli.....	.05	.60	3.50
Pink Perfection. A large lovely flower of a true La France pink. Graceful, willowy spike. One of the choicest pinks. See illustration.....	.15	1.50	9.00
Pres. Taft. Large late pink with lighter throat. Very tall spike. Late variety.....	.05	.60	3.50
Pride of Goshen. A very large bloom of flesh pink with ruffled petals. A strong grower and very beautiful.....	.15	1.25	8.00

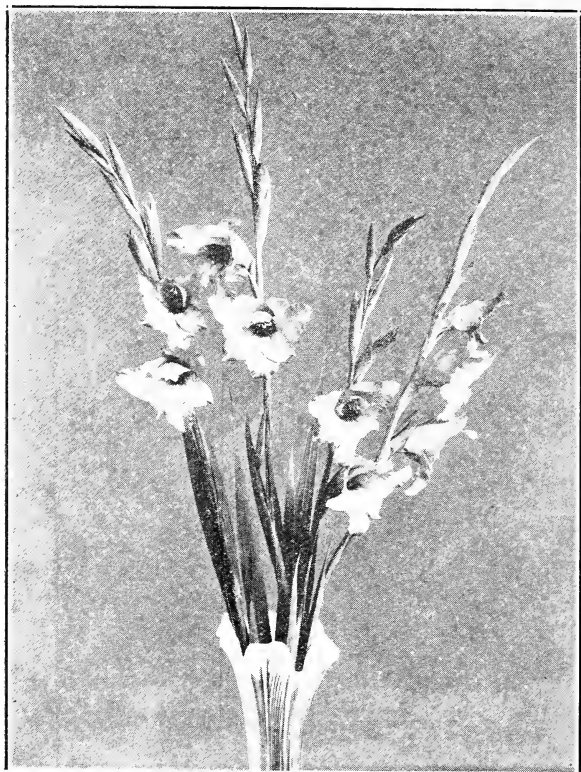
	Each	Dozen	100
Pride of Hilligom. Brilliant scarlet with white penciling. Distinct in color and habit of growth. Large flowers on a willowy stem....	.15	1.50	9.00
Prince of Wales. Pure salmon. Very large flowers. Many open at one time. Extremely early. One of the finest.....	.15	1.25	7.50
Princepine. Large carmine red with white blotch. Tall spike. Fine.....	.06	.60	3.50
Princeps. Amaryllis-like flowers of a rich dark scarlet, marked with white on lower petals. Extra large flowers.....	.08	.75	4.50
Purple Glory. Deepest velvety maroon red flowers with almost black blotches. Extra large blooms. Beautifully ruffled.....	1.25	12.50	
Radium. Upper petals a delicate pink; lower petals a creamy white bordered with pink, a wine red blotch on a yellow ground in throat. Large flower on a tall spike.....	.40	4.00	
Red Amarillas. Brilliant blood red flower of giant size on a medium height spike. A showy red....	.15	1.50	
Red Canna. Large scarlet. Extra tall spike. Medium late.....	.10	1.00	
Red Emperor. Very large pure deep scarlet on an extra tall spike. A very strong plant.....	.20	2.00	11.00
Red, White and Gold. Upper petals pure white; lower petals a rich yellow with a beautiful blotch of richest red. A massive spike and a strong plant.....	.35	3.50	
Rev. Ewbank. A beautiful light porcelain blue. Early and large flowers. Fine.....	.50	5.00	
Rita. A very fine ruffled yellow with pretty red throat.....	.20	2.00	
Roem Van Kennemerland. A beautiful rose colored flower with ruby blotches on a yellow ground. Immense perfect flowers on a straight spike.....	.10	1.00	6.00
Rosebud. Very beautiful light rose pink. The opening flower is of beautiful rosebud form. Strong vigorous plant.....	.15	1.50	
Rose Glory. A very large and beautifully ruffled variety. Purest rose pink color, deeper in throat. Extra fine.....	.35	3.50	



SENTINEL

	Each	Dozen	100
Rosella. Delicate rose mauve, stained purple and white. Large flower on a willowy stem.....	.10	1.00	6.00
Rose Pearl. A beautiful shade of light pink. A sport of Halley. Early. Large flowers.....	.25	2.50	
Rouge Torch. Large creamy white flowers with a rouge torch-like spot on lower petals. Very striking contrast in colors.....	.10	1.00	5.00
Rubini. Glowing salmon scarlet with lighter throat. Immense flowers. Very early.....	.50		
Scarlano. Light bright orange red, fine spike and flower, finely ruffled, a very brilliant, striking variety.....	.45	4.50	
Scarsdale. Lavender pink shading to dark rose. Wide open flowers on a willowy spike.....	.08	.75	4.50
Schwaben. A clear citron yellow with purplish red spot on lower petals. Very strong grower..	.10	1.00	5.00

	Each	Dozen	100
Sentinel. Tall strong plant, large, pure rose pink, with white penciled iris-like throat. Extra Showy. Late variety.....	.10	1.00	
Summer. Rich magenta, light throat. Very attractive.....	.08	.75	5.00
Sulphur Queen. Light sulphur yellow. Medium length spike. Small flower.....	.05	.50	
Sydonia. A new variety. Dark violet, nearly a self-color. Large flowers on a tall spike.....	.15	1.50	
Tavistock. Rich dark scarlet with small white blotch on lower petals. Large flower. Late.....	.08	.75	5.00
Victory. Sulphur yellow with small red spots on lower petals. Small flower but many open at one time.....	.05	.50	
Viola. Attractive flower of a pure white with a large blue spot on lower petals.....	.25	2.50	
Violet Glory. Rich violet, self color. Extra large flower. Ruffled.....	.40	4.00	
War. A very large blood red. Tall and stately. Solid color. Extra fine.....	.10	1.00	5.00
Weibertus. Lilac with white lines. Extra tall spike.....	.08	.75	4.50
White Giant. An enormous pure white bloom on a tall spike. Lily-like flower. A new variety....	.15	1.50	
White Glory. A gorgeous pure white with beautiful iris-blue throat. Fine ruffled variety.....	.20	2.00	
White King. Very rich sulphur white, splendidly ruffled and nicely marked on lower petals.....	.08	.75	5.00
Willie Wigman. A tall blushed white with a dark carmine throat. Wide open flowers.....	.08	.75	5.00
Wine King. Clear wine color, with darker spots. Medium high spike.....	.08	.75	4.00
Yellow Hammer. Soft Creamy yellow. Tall spike with many flowers open at one time.....	.08	.75	5.00
Youell's Favorite. Striking rosy lavender-pink with ruffled petals. Large flower and plant.....	.15	1.50	
Mixed. An all color mixture. All large bulbs. Per 1000, \$17.50		.35	2.25



BUTTERFLY

PRIMULINUS HYBRIDS

	Each	Dozen
Alice Tiplady. A grand large Primulinus of most beautiful orange saffron color. Very choice.....	\$0.20	\$2.00
Argo. Large flower on a tall spike. Delicate rose pink.....	.20	2.00
Butterfly. Very strong and vigorous. Large pale salmon yellow, ruffled flowers.....	.15	1.50
Dorothy Wheeler. A beautiful pale pink primulinus. New.....	.20	2.00
Gladness. Lavender rose. Deeper outside. Penciled yellow throat. Elegant cut flower.....	.20	2.00
Gold Drop. An extra large pure yellow, with beautiful red line on petals. Beautifully ruffled.....	.50	5.00
Maidenblush. Delicate pink with darker pink blotches; a dainty flower. One of the most attractive varieties of the Primulinus.....	.20	2.00

	Each	Dozen
Myra. A new gaint flowered Primulinus Hybrid. Deep salmon over yellow ground. Yellow throat with pink lines. Tall slender stem. Showy.....	.35	3.50
Orange Brilliant. Pure orange. Small flower but many open at one time. Fine as a cut flower.....	.10	1.00
Roanoke. A vigorous and large, rich, yellow Primulinus.....	.15	1.50
Salmon Beauty. Deep slamon, rich salmon yellow throat. Large flowered.....	.20	2.00
Mixed Primulinus. A splendid mixture containing almost every color imagineable.....		.40
	per 100,	2.50

HOW TO GROW GLADIOLI FOR BLOOM AND FOR BULBS.

Gladioli will grow and produce fine bloom in any good garden soil, if given plenty of sun. A sandy soil is best, a clay soil poorest. If it must be fertilized, let this be done in the fall. Fresh manure will scald the bulbs if it comes in contact with them.

Set the bulbs 4 or 5 inches deep and 4 inches apart. Deep planting keeps the spike erect at blooming time, and the plants stand drouth better. By planting every 10 days after danger of frost is over, until July, you will have full bloom until frost.

Keep weeds out. Keep a dust mulch around the plants in dry weather. Do not water Gladioli except in extreme dry weather and at blooming time for the reason that if you begin watering you must keep it up until the season is over. Cut the spike when the first bud is unrolled. Leave 3 or 4 leaves to help mature the bulb. Cut off half an inch of spike when renewing the water each morning—nearly all the buds will open and you will have a beautiful bouquet for ten days.

The bulbs should be taken up in October before the ground freezes and dried thoroughly. Cut the foliage close to the buld. When dry, store them in a cellar away from frost and not too dry.

If these instructions are followed, the bulbs will give you the best results for several years. The old roots may be broken off any time before planting.

If you will advise as to character of soil, grounds, etc., we will send specific instructions to fit your conditions.

